

- (a) forming a dispersion comprising mineralized biopolymer and a water-soluble binder;
- (b) lyophilizing said dispersion to form a first porous matrix; and
- (c) cross-linking said first porous matrix to form said porous, biodegradable, three-dimensionally stable matrix.

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22. A method according to claim 21 wherein said biopolymer comprises collagen.
23. A method according to claim 21 wherein said binder comprises collagen.--

REMARKS

Claims 19-22 are presented. Support for claims 19 and 20 is found at page 8, lines 20-22 and page 9, lines 9-13. Support for claims 21-23 is found at page 7, line 11 through page 8, line 12.

Entry of the amendment is requested.

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